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1. FONMIN DIRGEN PELAGHIAS TELEPHONED ME AT 1845 JULY 24 JUST AS GUESTS WERE ABOUT TO ARRIVE AT A RECEPTION WE WERE GIVING FOR A DEPARTING STAFF MEMBER. WE AGREED THAT I WOULD GO TO THE MINISTRY AT 2100.

2. ON ARRIVAL, PELAGHIAS TOLD ME THAT HE HAD PERSUADED THE GOVT. TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON FAMAGUSTA. HE THEN HANDED ME TEXT OF STATEMENT BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL. AFTER READING THE MESSAGE, I QUESTIONED HIM CLOSELY TO DETERMINE PRECISELY WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND AS THEIR DEFINITION OF "FAMAGUSTA". IT FINALLY CAME DOWN TO THAT PORTION OF THE CITY OF FAMAGUSTA WHICH HAD BEEN OCCUPIED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS PRIOR TO 1974. IT DOES NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE THE HISTORICALLY TURKISH CYPRIOT PORTION OF THE CITY. THERE NEVERTHELESS REMAINED A CERTAIN DEGREE OF FUZZINESS WHICH PELAGHIAS ADMITTED. HE INDICATED THAT A FINAL DEFINITION WOULD BE ARRIVED AT
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THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SEC GEN. GOC HOWEVER INSISTED THAT THE PORTION OF FAMAGUSTA ULTIMATELY AGREED TO WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SECURITY ASSURED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

3. I TOLD PELAGHIAS THAT THE RECENT POSTURE OF THE GOC HAD BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY NEGATIVE, THAT I WELCOMED

THIS MORE POSITIVE APPROACH.

4. PELAGHIAS STRESSED THAT GOC WAS PREPARED TO RESUME THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WITHOUT ANY CONDITIONS ONCE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON FAMAGUSTA. HE SAID BOTH SIDES WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO CONSIDER "NEW THINGS".

5. HE SAID THAT HE HAD GONE THROUGH TWENTY DRAFTS OF THE STATEMENT IN ORDER TO GET IT RIGHT. HE GAVE CREDIT FOR IDEA OF STATEMENT TO DEPT. COUNSELOR NIMETZ WITH WHOM HE HAD HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WHILE IN THE U.S. IN MAY AND JUNE. I AGREED TO HIS PROPOSAL THAT HE TELEPHONE NIMETZ JULY 25. HE DESCRIBED REFERENCES IN TEXT TO UN RESOLUTIONS AS "VAGUE", AND SAID HE PRESUMED REFERENCES TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM FOR THE UNITED STATES.

6. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION REGARDING MANNER IN WHICH STATEMENT WAS BEING USED, HE TOLD ME HE HAD DELIVERED STATEMENT TO ACTING DEPUTY SRSG GORGE JUST BEFORE HE TELEPHONED ME THAT EVENING AND STATEMENT HAD BEEN PUT OUT BY GOVT. SPOKESMAN AT 2000. (THERE ARE HEADLINES IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS MORNING JULY 25.) PELAGHIAS SAID THE MATTER WAS NOW UP TO THE UNSYG.

7. BEFORE I DEPARTED PELAGHIAS WAS AT SOME PAINS TO
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EXPLAIN TO ME PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S HASTY REJECTION OF EARLIER DENKTASH PROPOSAL. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT'S INSTINCTIVE REACTION HAD BEEN THAT DENKTASH PROPOSAL WAS A FAKE. SUBSEQUENTLY BOTH THE BBC AND REUTERS PUT OUT RELEASES INDICATING THAT DENKTASH PROPOSAL CALLED FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY SOLELY BY THE UNITED NATIONS. SINCE THIS HAD BEEN A COMPLETELY FALSE PRESENTATION, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU HAD BEEN OBLIGED TO REACT. PELAGHIAS CLOSED BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT WE COULD ENCOURAGE THE UNSYG TO CAPITALIZE ON THE GOC ANNOUNCEMENT AND ACHIEVE A BREAKTHROUGH.
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